(d) As on 30.6.1995 the total sanctioned cost of 383 projects under implementation and on the monitor of DPI was Rs. 109963.5 crores. The total expenditure incured upto 30th June, 1995 was Rs. 62536.4 crores. As against the outlay of Rs. 17899.1 crores the balance provision available for 1995-96 was Rs. 12556.1 crores subject to the availability of actual funds with the project authorities. The project wise details are given in Project Implementation Status Report for the Quarter April-June, 1995. The copy of the Report is available in the Parliament Library.

Compensation to the relatives of Mine Disaster Victims

1373. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "wedding saris given to widows of mine disaster" which appeared in Indian Express of 7th October, 1995;

(b) if so, what are the facts of the case; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to compensate adequately and honourably the next of kin of the accident victims of the recent mine disaster?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) According to information provided by Coal India Limited (CIL), as a part of relief measures announced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Bihar during his visit to the disaster site of Gaslitand mine of Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) on 28th September, 1995, the District Administration had provided each of the affected families two sarees. The sarees are reported to be of different colours.

(c) Details of compensation paid to the nominees of the victims of the Gaslitand mine disaster are given below:

(i) Gratuity	—	Rs. 20,07,062.93
(ii) Compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923	—	Rs. 45,57,952.00
(iii) Coal Mines Provident Fund (CMPF) Dues	—	Rs. 40,96,211.00
(iv) Life Assurance benefit under CMPF	—	Rs. 94,000.00
(v) Immediate Financial assistance each	—	Rs. 1,000.00
(vi) Ex-gratia under each NCWA	—	Rs. 10,000.00
(vii) Benevolent Fund each	—	Rs. 5,000.00
(viii) Life Cover Scheme each	—	Rs. 15,000.00
(ix) Additional ex-gratia each declared by Minister of State for Coal	—	Rs. 75,000.00
(x) Ex-gratia declared by each Central Consultative Committee, a joint forum of Management and Trade Unions	—	Rs. 51,000.00 (To be paid)

In addition, employment to one of the dependents of the deceased is also offered. Alternatively, in lieu of employment, the widow/female dependent is paid a monthly pension of Rs. 3000/- till she attains 60 years of age/ dies/remarries, whichever is earlier.

Increase in the Number of People Below the Poverty Line in the Rural Areas

1374. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the number of people living below poverty line is increasing in rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the factors responsible for such increase in number of persons living below poverty line;